

REMARKS

The claims previously in the case have been replaced by a set of new claims which are believed to be proper as to form and clearly patentable over the cited references.

Claim 11 has been formally reworded as new claim 21 (no feature has been added or removed).

A new claim 24 is added. This new claim is based on the embodiment depicted in Figure 3 and described in the corresponding description beginning at page 6, line 24 of the specification.

A new claim 32 is added, based on new claim 24.

Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as unpatentable over VAZVAN WO 96/13814 in view of JONSTROMER.

The rejection falls down as to JONSTROMER.

JONSTROMER discloses the use of either wireless communication, or wired communication. It does not disclose the use of both types of communication at the same time.

Thus, considering the teaching of JONSTROMER, the man skilled in the art would only replace the wireless communication disclosed in VAZVAN with a wired communication.

This would not have led to the features of claim 21, specifying first means for dialing telephone numbers and the associated first modem consisting of elements of wired telephony circuits, and second means for dialing telephone numbers and the

associated second modem consisting of elements of wireless telephony circuits.

Even if a person skilled in the art had combined wired and wireless communication circuits in the device, this would not lead to the claimed switching facility, as none of the cited documents discloses such a switching facility.

Even if one skilled in the art had added such a switching facility, there would be no indication to use a particular switching facility, as the ones respectively claimed in claims 22 and 23.

Concerning the new claims 24 and 32, none of the cited documents discloses the claimed add-on circuit.

In particular, none of the cited documents discloses the claimed three-stage processing, namely:

- a circuit for emulating a switch telephone network,
- detecting means as claimed,
- second dialing means and second modem as claimed.

Thus, considering an outgoing call, the device outputs wired data (via the first dialing means and the first modem).

The wired data are received by the add-on system, which reception is made possible by the emulating circuit.

The call is detected by the detecting means.

The call is then modulated by the second dialing means and second modem, which output wireless data.

The speeds of transmission between wired data (output by the device) and wireless data (output by the add-on system) are matched by the matching means.

The add-on system thus allows a user to use a standard wired telephone as a wireless telephone.

As the new claims clearly bring out these distinctions with ample particularity, it is believed that they are all patentable, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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